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LATEST TELEGRAMS.

LABOUR WAR IN AMERICA. SERIOUS FIGHTING. COLONEL ANDERSON REPORTED CAPTURED.

KNOXVILLE, August 18, 9 p.m.—News has been received here that the miners at Coal Creek to-day made two attacks upon the soldiers under the command of Col. Anderson, but were repulsed on both occasions. The fighting is reported to have been attended by considerable bloodshed. A local journal publishes a despatch announcing that a third attack was made on Col. Anderson's camp, and was repulsed, each side losing heavily. Five hundred of the militia and numerous citizens of this place are hurrying forward to relieve Col. Anderson. Meanwhile, great excitement prevails here, and business is at a standstill.

LATER.—The court-house bell is ringing out the riot alarm, and the wildest excitement prevails. Although the wires to Coal Creek have been cut, advice which has been received up to a recent hour state that fighting has been going on between the miners and soldiers with deadly effect, and many have been killed or wounded. It was simultaneously reported that Col. Anderson is being held under special guard to prevent an angry faction from lynching him. There are no details to hand in regard to his reported capture. It is stated, however, that the incident has tended in no small degree to dishearten the militia, who are fighting desperately, knowing that capture means death at the hands of the mob. Military reinforcements are being hurried forward, but the number is few, and it is feared that the forces which left Knoxville in the afternoon will be butchered before help is available. There is a growing opinion that the loss of life can only be averted by a prompt request on the part of the governor to the President of the United States, calling upon him to send the national troops to the scene of action.

NASHVILLE, August 18, Evening.—Advice received here from Coal Creek announce that a conflict occurred at that place last night between the miners and the militia in charge of the convicts. The latter were compelled to surrender this morning, and are at present at Clinton, en route for Nashville. The governor has consequently ordered all the organized militia of the State to the scene of the disturbance, and has further made requisitions for posse comitatus of 1,000 men each from the sheriffs of three counties, and from those of four counties possess of 500 men or more. It is believed that the force ordered will altogether number 8,000 men. It appears that ever since last year, when troops were quartered at Coal Creek to guard the convicts, the soldiers have been subjected to various annoyances, and only dare to venture out in pairs or squads. Recently an infernal machine was found in the vicinity of the camp. The whole of Tennessee is now in a fever of excitement, and the lawless conduct of the miners is condemned on all sides. The citizens offer to go with the sheriff and maintain law and order. The Coal Creek district, where the troops are to be sent, is 100 miles from Chattanooga, and is only reached by a zigzag railway. The county sheriffs, who have been called upon by the governor, have informed the various citizens who form their posse that they are to bring all the guns they can secure, and that they are to place themselves under the control of the militia. The general in command declares his intention to proceed to Coal Creek, and it is understood that he will take the convicts back to that place.

100 P.M.—According to the latest news from Coal Creek, Col. Anderson is reported to have been captured by the miners, but his men are still fighting. Gen. Carne's force has arrived within a mile of Coal Creek, and a fierce engagement with the miners is expected. A despatch from Chattanooga just received here does not confirm the report of the capture of the militia at Coal Creek, but represents the situation there as most alarming. The miners made a movement against the convicts' stockade, but soon fell back beyond the range of the soldiers' guns. They finally captured a train and proceeded to Greenville for dynamite, expressing the intention of returning and renewing the attack. There is a force of 175 soldiers within the stockade, and they declare that they will fight, although the miners number 5,000. Troops are arriving at Chattanooga and at Knoxville from all parts of the State, many of them being raw volunteers. Assistance will be sent to Coal Creek by special train immediately if the railway officials, who are all in sympathy with the miners, can be induced to man the train.

15th inst. On the other hand there is a continuous improvement in the state of affairs at Nijni Novgorod, and the governor-general of the province has consequently abolished several stations of observation, and has suspended the sanitary inspection of the steamships and railway trains, which are bringing an ever-increasing number of visitors to the annual fair. The committee of the fair has thirty doctors in its service, besides twenty-four medical students, and the same number of surgeons' assistants. It distributes daily among the necessitous 3,000 buckets of boiled water, 7,000 rations of tea, and 700 glasses of brandy and water. The committee further provides night shelter for 2,300 workmen, and also food for 500 of the poorest among them. The compulsory order directing the students of the Military Academy of Medicine at St. Petersburg to proceed to the infected districts is regarded as a striking proof of the severity of the malady, and the extremity of the straits in which the authorities find themselves.

TERRIFIC HEAT IN FRANCE.
PARIS, August 18.—The weather in Paris is still exceedingly oppressive. Yesterday afternoon the Meteorological Bureau registered 98° Fahr. in the shade, a figure which has been reached only once since 1879. Fire broke out at 10.15, at which time two fatalities and one was followed by insanity. The Radical reports that while the 16th Battalion of Infantry of Reserves was marching to Fontainebleau three of the men were struck down with sunstroke, one of these cases proving fatal. Reports from the provinces show that unusually hot weather is being experienced in all parts of the country.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN RUSSIA.
ST. PETERSBURG, August 18.—A fire, by which 390 houses have been destroyed, has occurred at Serdobsk, a town in the province of Saratoff.

A LANDED PROPRIETOR CAPTURED BY BRIGANDS.

ROME, August 18.—A telegram received here from Palermo announces that Signor San Giorgi, a landed proprietor, has been captured near Castellamare by a band of ten masked brigands armed with rifles. He was returning from the country, accompanied by his steward, who was beaten with sticks because he offered resistance. Up to the present no news has been received of Signor San Giorgi.

EXTRAORDINARY TRAGEDY IN MISSOURI.

MURDER OF A FATHER.
NEW YORK, August 18.—A sad and in many ways extraordinary tragedy has just occurred at Smithville, Missouri. One of the best known farmers in that region is Peter Macauley, who, in addition to being well-to-do, holds a prominent position in local church and town circles. Mr. Macauley drove into Smithville yesterday, and during his stay imbibed too freely, and got into a political dispute, which became so warm that he was placed under arrest. There is little likelihood that the charge would have been pressed, or even entered, owing to the respectability of the parties; but, nevertheless, his son, a proud and sensitive young man of 19, who is engaged to be married to one of the belles of the town, seems to have made up his mind that the stain on the family name was irreparable. Upon hearing that news he went directly to a gunshop, purchased a revolver, and had it loaded by the shopkeeper. He hastened after the constable who was proceeding to the police station with his father in charge. He stopped them, faced his father, and said, "I have always been a good son to you; I have done all in my power to protect our family name and guard our family honour. No member of our family has ever been taken to goal, and death is preferable." With these words he drew the pistol, placed it to his father's breast and fired, Macauley falling dead. Before the horrified constable could recover his senses the young man had placed the pistol to his own head, and killed himself. He fell upon his father's body, and the event has caused great sorrow in Smithville, where the parties are well known, and the deepest sympathy is felt for Mrs. Macauley and her daughters. The son was a young man of the highest character, and remarkably popular in the district.

THE VAUDEVILLE THEATRE.

ARBITRATOR'S AWARD.
The Vaudeville Theatre in the Strand has just been the subject of a somewhat lengthy arbitration between Mr. Thomas Thorne, the manager, and Messrs. A. and S. Gatti. The arbitration arose in consequence of complaints made of alleged vibration to the theatre owing to the erection by Messrs. Gatti of engines for electric lighting purposes. Owing to these complaints, Messrs. Gatti agreed to purchase the lease of the theatre held by Mr. Thorne for an unexpired term of twenty-one years. The value of this lease has been the subject in dispute. On behalf of Mr. Thorne a total claim of £25,542 was put forward, while the purchasers value the lease at between £3,000 and £10,000. The arbitrator (Mr. F. T. Galsworthy), who sat and took evidence for six days in June and July, has now awarded £15,850 as the sum to be paid for the lease of the theatre.

THE LATE LADY ROSEBERY.

Lord Rosebery has intimated his intention of building a new town hall for Queensferry, in memory of his deceased wife.

SENTENCES ON LONDON BURGLARS.

At the South London Sessions, Ernest Griffiths and Henry Martin were indicted, and a woman named Dorothy, for breaking into a house at 47, Elmsted-road, Wandsworth. They were detected in the act by P.C.'s 104 and 553, and taken to the station, where they refused their addresses. The case was then put into the hands of Dets. Thorley, Hopkins, and White, who discovered at Griffiths's the proceeds of the burglary in the neighbourhood of Wandsworth Common, Balham, and Streatham, and it was discovered that they were in the habit of driving about with a horse and trap and robbing houses left untenanted. The prisoners' respectable appearance aiding their escape. Griffiths was sentenced to nineteen, and Martin to fifteen months' hard labour, the woman being discharged, and the officers in the case were specially commended.

THE POISONING MYSTERIES.

FURTHER REMAND.—A PROTEST.

Thomas Nell Cream was on Saturday again brought up at Bow-street charged with the wilful murder of Matilda Clower. Mr. Williamson represented the Treasury, and Mr. J. E. Waters, who appeared for the prisoner, said he had received a letter from the Treasury, informing him that no evidence would be offered that day. He was aware that it would be useless to object to a remand, because he would be overruled. The prisoner had been in custody since June 1st, and he (Mr. Waters) would strenuously resist any remand after this one. The Treasury had had three months in which to make inquiries, and they could not complain of want of time. Sir John Bridge: We shall hear what they have to say on the subject.—Mr. Waters: Three months is a long while.—Sir John Bridge: It is a long while, but when a man is charged with an offence of this kind, the most careful inquiry should be made. It is not so much a question of time. The principal object in view is to elicit the truth. If the prisoner is innocent it should be proved to demonstration. It is to his interest that the matter should be gone into thoroughly.—Mr. Waters: I would urge the Treasury to use as much expedition as possible.—Sir John Bridge: No doubt they will do that. I don't think they will waste any time. The prisoner will be remanded. Will Friday be a suitable day?—Mr. Williamson: If the prisoner is remanded until Friday I am afraid we shall have to ask for another remand. One witness will arrive from America on that day, but he could not be at this court on that day or on the following day. We should, no doubt, be able to give evidence in the following week. We will give Mr. Waters full notice.—Mr. Waters: I should like some notice of the class of evidence it is proposed to call.—Sir John Bridge: That has been promised.—Mr. Waters: Before the prisoner is brought up again fifteen days will have elapsed, since that promise was made. You can get from America in less time than that, and I have no doubt the evidence has been called.—Mr. Williamson said he would furnish Mr. Waters with particulars of the evidence before it was given.—Prisoner was remanded until Saturday next.

DEATH OF MADAME TREBELL.

The celebrated operatic contralto, Madame Trebelli, died on Thursday at her residence at Epsom, the first intimation of the fact in this country being a telegram to Mr. Vert, of Cork-street, Zelia Gilbert was born in Paris in 1853, and while but a child showed signs of phenomenal musical talent. At first the prima donna, who ultimately became the fast friend and composer of Tietjens and many other brilliant singers who flourished in the sixties, was regarded as a "prodigy" pianist, and it is said that at the age of 6 she taught the piano. However, it was soon found that her vocal gifts were of a phenomenal ability, and Zelia was placed under the experienced care of Herr Wartet, himself a well-known tenor at the Grand Opera, who also trained Madame Christine Nilsson for the lyric stage. In 1870 the young aspirant to operatic honours, which she subsequently was showered upon her, made a debut at the Theatre Royal, Madrid, and adopted as her nom de theatre her surname spelt backwards, with the omission of the initial letter. There is a conflict of opinion as to what was the role assumed on that interesting occasion, although there is no doubt that the great Mario was also in the cast, but whether as Marzio to her Azucena in "Il Trovatore," or as Almaviva to Trebelli's Rosina in "Il Barbero," is not certain as the fact that the debutante scored a brilliant success. In the two subsequent seasons there were still more marked triumphs in Germany as a member of Merelli's Italian opera troupe, and London endorsed the continental verdict when Trebelli arrived here on the advice of Meyerbeer in 1882, and sang under Mr. Mapleson at Her Majesty's Theatre in "Lucia Borgia," the last opera in which Tietjens appeared. The new Mafio Orsini was at once regarded as a perfect artist with a beautiful voice, and, curiously enough, it was as Orsini that Madame Trebelli was seen in her last season at Covent Garden in 1888. During the later years of her life she was heard a good deal on concert platforms, and was also a great favourite in oratorio, particularly at musical festivals; yet, nevertheless, her operatic repertoire consisted of over forty parts, which rather strangely included Marguerite in "Faust," but it was in the legitimate contralto and mezzo roles that she was heard at her best. Madame Trebelli married Bottini, the tenor, in 1883, but a separation took place a few years later. The only child of the marriage is Mlle. Antoinette Trebelli, the well-known singer, who has often appeared on the concert platform with her mother.

DISASTER AT A MODEL LODGING-HOUSE.

A fire broke out the other morning in the new model lodging-house recently erected in Red Lion-square, Finsbury, at a cost of about £2,000. The building, which was considered one of the best of its kind as to its internal arrangements, was reduced to utter ruin. When the fire began there were about seventy persons in the house. The majority of them got away, some of them being in a nearly nude state. Others were unable to escape from the flames, and ten dead bodies were found in the ruins. One man broke his neck in attempting to get out of the house. Some of the inmates were injured, but they received prompt attention from the local medical men.

GREAT FIRES IN SWITZERLAND.

ENGLISH LADIES TO THE FORT.

A telegram from Interlaken says that by fire, which originated in the kitchen of the Bear Hotel, at Grindelwald, that building and the large new annexe adjoining, together with the English church, the telegraph chalet, and about a score of other buildings, including the chalet in which the Swiss Dr. Lunn was residing with his family, have been totally destroyed. A strong southerly wind which was blowing when the conflagration broke out, caused the flames to spread with alarming rapidity, and for a time it was feared that the whole village would be destroyed. Sparks from the blazing houses set fire to chalets a mile away, and the wind on the slopes overlooking the village also caught fire. No lives have been lost, but it is estimated that some fifty buildings have been destroyed by Thursday's fire at Grindelwald, among which are the railway station, the telegraph office, and the Café Oberland. The Hotel Bear, where the fire originated, is also completely destroyed, although the personal luggage of the visitors and the valuables deposited by them with the landlord have been saved. The visitors, among whom are many English, especially ladies, afforded valuable aid by forming a chain along which buckets of water were passed. In spite of the many willing hands and the good quantity of water, the prevailing wind neutralised all efforts to combat the conflagration. During the fire the water supply failed, and thereupon the foreign visitors formed a chain to the river Lutschine, from which they incessantly passed buckets of water. The several English lady tourists took part in this arduous work, and kept their places in the line from 3 o'clock in the afternoon till midnight. Many of the visitors saved their belongings by throwing them out of the windows of the houses in which they had been staying. Five hundred people have been deprived of shelter by the fire, many of them being tourists. Of these about 200 have gone on to Berne by train.—A Berne telegram states that a conflagration is also reported from St. Stephan, a village in the Upper Simmenthal, between Zollikon and Lent, on the road from Thun to Sion over the Ravi. Twenty-six houses were quickly destroyed.

THE FIGHT BETWEEN HALL AND PRITCHARD.

The glove fight between Jem Hall, Australian, and Ted Pritchard, the English champion, was brought off near Brighton on Saturday. Hall won in four rounds.

TAILORS ON STRIKE.

The Dublin papers publish a correspondence between the hon. secretary of the Tailors' Association and the secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Tailors, the former notifying that it has been unanimously resolved to stop work pending the settlement of matters long in dispute.

FATAL CLIFF CLIMBING.

The daughter of a visitor to Dover, named Low, was climbing the cliffs on Friday, when she missed her footing and fell, sustaining such injuries that she died shortly afterwards.

THE IRISH PARTIES.

It is stated from Belfast that the Irish Unionist party have established a vigilance committee in Dublin to watch the proceedings of the Nationalists and their friends all over Ireland. This committee will be in communication with correspondents, whose reports will be regularly brought before Parliament.

ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT BY A SECRETARY.

At Sunderland, on Friday, Mr. Thomas L. Edwards, an ex-member of the Sunderland Town Council, was remanded upon two charges of embezzling £112 and £219, the moneys of the Crown Building Society, of which he was secretary. The bench offered to accept bail amounting to £1,000.

A BICYCLE RECORD.

The cycling record between Edinburgh and London has been broken by a remarkable performance of "H. H. Carlisle," of the Andover Bicycle Club, Liverpool, who has completed the distance in 32hr. 55min. The best previous time was that of P. A. Ramsome, of Manchester, 43hr. 25min. The present record is 10 hours faster. Carlisle started from the Edinburgh General Post Office at 2.5 p.m. on Tuesday, and reached the General Post Office, St. Martin's-le-Grand, at 11 p.m. on Wednesday. The weather was trying, but he is stated to have finished the journey well and strong.

UNFOUNDED CHARGE AGAINST A BARMAID.

At the South London Sessions, Ellen Cheagry Lee, a respectable-looking young woman, was charged a second time with larceny, the moneys of her mother, Mrs. Newton, of the Black Horse, Brighton. On a previous occasion the jury could not agree. The house is in charge of a manager named Butcher, who stated that in consequence of fallings off in the takings he called in Det. Taylor, who marked 3s. 6d. in shillings and pence, and passed them across the counter to the prisoner. The same evening she was given into custody, when she indignantly denied that she had taken any money, and at once handed over her purse. In her pocket one of the marked shillings was found. She at once said that she had changed half-a-crown from her purse, and taken the change from the till, by which means the money might have passed into her pocket. She also alleged that there was a spy against her in the house because she had given notice.—After evidence of good character had been given, the accused was acquitted, amidst considerable applause.

COLLAPSE OF A WELSH CHURCH.

A shocking accident is reported from Rhonda Valley, where a new church dedicated to St. Iltyd is in course of erection at Penycraig. The masons were working near the belfry during the high winds, when a portion of the chancel gave way and collapsed, the workmen and the debris. A father and son named James and a mason named Bryant received serious injuries, and were conveyed home in an unconscious state. Velvet sleeves for ladies costumes are again becoming the fashion.

NOTHING DELIGHTS THE CHINESE GOURMAND

more than a dish of octopus.

ELOPEMENT AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

Louis Beaufort, a London pianist, 31, was charged at the Loughborough Police Court with Mrs. Newcombe, 40, with whom he was concerned in the theft of goods to the value of £20, the property of Joseph Newcombe, landlord of the Volunteer Hotel, Loughborough.—About four months ago Beaufort was engaged at the hotel as a pianist, and on July 26th the landlord's suspicions were aroused by finding his wife in Beaufort's room at 7 o'clock in the morning. On the 30th Beaufort left the house, and a week later Mrs. Newcombe left, taking £10 with her, and leaving a letter in which she said she could not live with him as she had been doing. On looking round the house Mrs. Newcombe found a quantity of goods were missing which the police traced to Stoddard, where the couple had gone to live.—Committed for trial, with bail.

A CAUTION TO CYCLISTS.

English cyclists who may be arranging trips through France on their machines will do well to note the experience of Mr. Thomas Christy, who writes from the Hotel des Panoramas, St. Brac, of what befell him on touching French soil. He says:—"Many of your readers may not be aware that, according to the new Customs tariff, all cycles are subject to duty on entering France, whether new or old, by weight. On Wednesday, in place of being allowed, as last year, to take the cycles direct away from the steamer, I had to pay at St. Malo the sum of 15fr., or 26s. 3d., for two Coventry tricycles, the receipt for which is now before me. There were five other gentlemen who arrived with their cycles on the same steamer, and as they had no previous knowledge of this impost they were quite unprepared to meet it. Nothing but French gold would be taken, and we were all indebted to the manager of the London and South-Western Railway Company at St. Malo to get us change for English notes and gold. In two instances the young men had to give up their trip, as all their money was at once locked up. We were told that the production of the receipt for the amount, less the stamps, would be refunded in French silver coin. This will prevent many a cyclist from enjoying a tour in France. Cyclists are treated very differently in Germany. There is no duty, and the cycles are carried free of charge by the railway when accompanied by their riders."

THE KAISER AND HIS ARMY.

GENERATION IN GERMANY.

The German Emperor's contraction of the report of an impending reduction of military service from three to two years made in his speech at the review of the Guards Corps has caused a great sensation in Germany. The Radical and Liberal parties both advocate the adoption of the two years' system, and have for some time past been determined to openly oppose any increase in the War Budget, and to make any augmentation of the forces absolutely dependent on a reduction of the burden of military service to two years. The *Vossische Zeitung* says that in demanding two years' service Radicals and Liberals are united, and military questions need not therefore divide them at the next elections. The decision of Prince Bismarck in favour of the two years' system was the only thing wanting, and we should be curious to see how an election would result in which the time of military service should be the deciding question. How long can Count Caprivi remain in office after the Emperor's decision? As an officer Count Caprivi might simply be to the Emperor's wishes, but in his position as chancellor he must not only bow to his imperial master, but support his Majesty's views in Parliament. During recent months many measures have been adopted to which the chancellor is opposed. The next few months will show. But under the circumstances it is no wonder that the view is beginning to prevail to an increasing extent, that Count Caprivi's days of office are numbered.

SUICIDE AT A GOVERNMENT OFFICE.

At St. Martin's Vestry Hall, Mr. J. Troutbeck held an inquest with reference to the death of Charles F. Goodall, 41, a porter, lately residing at 7, Whitehall-place, the offices of the Board of Trade.—The deceased was discharged from his employment as porter four days before he died, and had merely assisted his wife. On Monday last she entered the kitchen in the basement, and finding a blood-stained carving-knife on the table said, "Oh, Charley, what have you done?" He made no reply but fell to the floor. She wiped the knife on her apron, and put it in the drawer, scarcely knowing what she was doing. When she returned to the kitchen she found her husband lying on the floor, and she then obtained assistance, and a doctor and the police were sent for. They had had no quarrel, and they lived on good terms, but he was addicted to drink. "I have told you the truth, I am as innocent as the angels in heaven," said the witness, to which the coroner replied, "Nobody is saying that you are not innocent." The witness further said that it was merely the impulse of the moment that made her wipe the knife.—A constable stated that when he asked the wife where the weapon was she said she did not know, but subsequently said it was in the drawer. Dr. Thomas Bond, of 7, The Sanctuary, Westminster, stated that the post mortem examination, showed that the wound had an inward and downward course, and he was of opinion that it was self-inflicted.—The jury returned a verdict of suicide during temporary insanity.

POISONED BY TINNED BROWN.

A lamplighter, named Henry Wicker, his wife, and six children, residing at Princess-road, near Coseley, Staffordshire, have been poisoned through eating tinned brown, which it was subsequently ascertained had become tainted with lead out of the tin. But for the fact that medical aid was promptly obtained, and emetics administered, the sufferers must almost certainly have died. There is an improvement in the condition of some of the sufferers, but others are still in a serious condition.

SUDDEN DEATH OF AN OFFICIAL.

Mr. Thomas Linton, public prosecutor at Edinburgh Police Court, died suddenly on Friday in the police chambers while awaiting the arrival of the magistrate who was to preside. Mr. Linton had been connected with the court for fifty years.

ALLEGED JEWELLERY ROBBERY AT WESTBOURNE GROVE.

Two respectable-looking persons, named William Marsden, 60, a clerk, and Elsie Randall, 28, both refusing their addresses, were charged at the Marylebone Police Court with being concerned in stealing a diamond brooch, worth £15 10s., the property of Alfred Woodard, jeweller, of 25, Westbourne Grove, Bayswater.—The evidence was that the prisoners went into the prosecutor's shop on Thursday afternoon, and asked to look at some jewellery. The female prisoner was engaged about an hour examining it, the male prisoner standing by her side all the while. The female selected jewellery to the value of £60, and asked that it should be sent to Mrs. Stoddard, of 13, Queen's Gardens, at 3 o'clock on the Friday. All the time the prisoners were in the shop the man kept his eye on the assistant at another counter. There were mirrors round the walls of the shop, and the prosecutor's assistant was able to see the male prisoner pick up something from the counter, and then catch hold of her sleeve. Up to the present the male prisoner had been leaning on the counter with one arm, and after picking up the property he stood erect, and dropped something into the umbrella he carried in his hand. The assistant wrote on a piece of paper what he had seen, and passed it to his employer. Owing to the valuable nature of the stock on the counter, the prosecutor took no steps then, but hurriedly placed the stock back. By that time the prisoners had left the shop, the assistant went after them to see which way they went, and the prosecutor followed. While going along Queen's-road the male prisoner took something out of his umbrella, and put it into his frock coat pocket. The money and the woman went into a private bar of the Prince Alfred public-house. The prosecutor secured the services of two constables, and then went into the public-house and accused the prisoners of having stolen a pearl and diamond brooch. They denied having the article, and then the prosecutor told them they could do as they liked, but he might tell them that he had a couple of policemen outside the house. The male prisoner then said, "Very well, I'll give it you back if you won't do anything or say anything about it." The prosecutor answered "Very well," and the prisoner then handed him the brooch. They left the house, and the prisoners separated, and were going in opposite directions when the police arrested them. On the prisoners were found documents which, when inquired into, revealed that the prisoners had been to another jeweller in Westbourne Grove and had selected jewellery, which they ordered to be sent to Mrs. Stoddard, of Queen's Gardens.—The officer informed the magistrate that Mrs. Stoddard had removed to Sevenoaks a long while ago. On the male prisoner two £10 notes of the Bank of engraving were found. He told the magistrate that he was ready to plead guilty to illegal possession.—Remanded.

"OFF TO BRIGHTON."

At the North London Police Court, John McCormack, 29, carpenter, who said he had no money, was charged on remand before Mr. Rose with burglariously breaking into the dwelling-house of William James Harvie, of 314, Kingsland-road, and stealing therefrom a portable sundial, three coats, a clock, and other articles, valued at £143. Further, the prisoner was charged with committing another burglary at the house of Mr. George Rowley, builder, of 151, Calford-road, Dalston, and stealing therefrom articles of plate, &c., valued at £8.—Mrs. Harvie said that on August 8th she returned home with her family after a fortnight's stay at the seaside, and found that the house had been broken into, and that the house had been broken into, and that the house had been broken into. The luggage was left in the hall. Next morning the kitchen window was found open, and all the luggage had been removed, together with a clock and other articles from the dining-room. All the articles were now produced. An old coat had been left in the place of one that had been stolen.—On August 10th Det. Sgt. Tatters was in Seven Sisters-road, Holloway with Det. Thomas, when the prisoner was encountered carrying on the portmanteau and wearing, although it was a very hot day, three overcoats. When asked where he was going he said he was off to Brighton, and was in haste to catch his train. His explanation not being deemed satisfactory, the two men went into the house and searched for the stolen goods. He was then found to be wearing a hat and a pair of boots which had been stolen from Mr. Rowley's house, where an entrance had been effected at the back door. In neither of the cases was there positive evidence of the fastening of the window or door. Det. Targett showed the prisoner the coat which had been left at the Kingsland-road house. He said it was not his, but he would have it. He put it on and it fitted him exactly.—The prisoner now said that he purchased the things found upon him, but Mr. Rose committed him to the Old Bailey to take his trial on both charges.

SMUGGLING AT DOVER.

The Dover magistrates have had before them a case in which a seizure of tobacco and cigars had been made on board the steamship Pigna, belonging to Sunderland, the defendants being the mate, William Henry Smith, and a seaman named John Howell, who were charged with concealing 120lb. of foreign manufactured tobacco and 47lb. 10oz. of cigars.—According to the evidence of the Customs officer, it appears that upon the vessel entering Dover Harbour from a foreign port, he went on board, and on entering the mate's cabin he noticed a strong odour of tobacco, which he found concealed in a chest of drawers and under the mate's and steward's bunks. Howell claimed that he was of the goods, stating that he had bought them at Bremerhaven. Treble duty on the goods amounted to £233.—On the application of the Customs authorities, the case was remanded.

TIDE TABLE FOR THE WEEK.

	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.
Mon.	1.1	1.28	10.41	11.36	9.30	9.54	8.36	8.50	7.38	7.52	6.30	6.44
Tue.	1.1	1.28	10.41	11.36	9.30	9.54	8.36	8.50	7.38	7.52	6.30	6.44
Wed.	1.1	1.28	10.41	11.36	9.30	9.54	8.36	8.50	7.38	7.52	6.30	6.44
Thurs.	1.1	1.28	10.41	11.36	9.30	9.54	8.36	8.50	7.38	7.52	6.30	6.44
Fri.	1.1	1.28	10.41	11.36	9.30	9.54	8.36	8.50	7.38	7.52	6.30	6.44
Sat.	1.1	1.28	10.41	11.36	9.30	9.54	8.36	8.50	7.38	7.52	6.30	6.44
Sun.	1.1	1.28	10.41	11.36	9.30	9.54	8.36	8.50	7.38	7.52	6.30	6.44

FLOWER BORDER WORK.
The early sown annuals are now past blooming, and unless seeds are required they might be pulled up, the ground loosened with

why these things are so poor in many gardens is they are set out too late. When the time has passed it is almost impossible for them to get established and flowered well the same season, but if put out now in the positions they are intended to occupy we can reasonably expect good results from the seeds of any annuals or perennials. Look carefully after the pods of any good border carnation or pink. Both of these flowers are very hardy and will winter over in the soil. If anything bright or novel in colour and that does not burst its pod in opening. All the pod-bursters should be discarded. They never carry seed. It is also well to look after what is left in the garden. See that the layering is finished without delay. Finks also may be layered, and any choice variety of sweetwilliam, such as the "Melodine," fail to root.

There is no glass to shelter them this year. But layering makes sure work. It is a great help to the rooting of layers if the plants are kept in shade until rooted. The plants are always stronger and healthier.

WEDDY LAWS

may be cleaned now either by hand weeding with a proper seed extractor or by the use of salt in the second case. Its force is soon dissipated if rain comes immediately after. Weakly laws may be strengthened by the use of salt. Further improvement may be effected by setting the mowing machine to cut a little higher, and continual nibbling off of any plant will further strengthen it. Merion straggles will come under such a process. Hollyhocks and dahlias will use up a good deal of moisture now, and water should be given if the weather continues dry.

SEEDS MUST BE KEPT DOWN EARTHWHERE

or there will be endless trouble in the future. Seeds soon ripen now, and if once scattered there is no hope for it but patient weeding and sowing. In the case of some of the weeds there are no weeds, will be very beneficial to the growing and flowering plants. This is why I always insist upon every lot of surface being cleared of weeds. Some people have been hoing having a habit of letting the blade glide over the surface instead of turning it in, and in a day or two the weeds stand erect and do good work always pays, and all the seed must be stirred.

MANY THINGS WILL REQUIRE WATER

now. Where the water is laid on a hose at a good deal of labour, but when plants are over a drip sprinkler with the hose is not much more than a bell, and in the case of hollyhocks, dahlias, phloxes, &c. Still, I always use a hose where possible, because one man can easily what would be done by four or five men. We have had the plants here for years about. It is possible, of course, to give three subjects enough water with the hose, but I find many people in hose watering do not appreciate the measure they cannot gauge the quantity given.

TOMATOES IN THE OPEN AIR

All surplus growth must be removed now as the leading stems stopped just beyond the first truss of flowers. Others not now ready expand will not produce ripe fruit this year. This has, on the whole, been a better season than last. We have had the plants here for years about. It is possible, of course, to give three subjects enough water with the hose, but I find many people in hose watering do not appreciate the measure they cannot gauge the quantity given.

CUCUMBERS AND MELONS IN FRAMES

will be growing fast. Ventilate freely, especially early in the morning. By early ventilation the plants will be able to continue to grow at the back of the frames almost as soon as the sun strikes upon the glass. This permits the escape of the vitiated atmosphere which is often so fatal to the plants, and which, if left shut up in the frame, might reduce disease.

CANNERS IN MELLOWS

is not unfrequently caused by deficient ventilation. One of the best remedies is to remove the plants with this foliage, which is the outcome of plants grown in too confined an atmosphere. The plants should be got colder, which they will shortly, make other coverings will be used at night, and warm manure may be placed round the frame as a lining to stimulate the roots. Good straw, or flannel, or cotton wool dressing will be useful to cucumbers and melons, until they begin to ripen, may liquid manure at every watering, which is often two or three times a week in bright weather. Do not water round the stem of the plant in the centre of the row. The main feeding roots are further away than the side roots. The main stem is a conductor of moderate dryness.

WINDOW GARDENING.

There must be no insects present on window plants. A good way of getting rid of them is to take the plants down, wash them, and plants under it, cover with a cloth or paper and fumigate with a Macdonald Brothers' preparation, which may be obtained at the chemist's. Do not smoke the plants tobacco paper; it will not blaze and injure the foliage. Dig nozzles in pots for winter blooming.

THE ANTWERP EXHIBITION.

A universal exhibition, to be held at Antwerp in 1894, has been lately decided upon, and the plans of it are ready. It is entirely due to private enterprise, but the State contributes towards the expense of the exhibition for the year 1893. The plan was granted for 1885. The place to be occupied by the building grounds is given at 26,000 square metres, with a front of 965 feet.

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BUCKLAND, JUNIOR.

"H. B." sends from King William's Town, South Africa, a cutting from a local newspaper. According to it, a ringhals snake killed the other day on a farm at a place called Berg Vliet. The snake's body was observed to be somewhat stiff, and no wonder for as soon as it had been killed and an snake of the same species emerged from

THE ACTOR.

At the Criterion, one may almost say
rule is, "When in doubt, play 'David

OLD IZAAK.

A conference between representatives of the Anglers' and Central Associations in reference to the proposed preservation duty place last week at the Foresters' Hall. The unfortunate delay, for which the Central Association is not responsible, prevents the possibility of any successful appeal being made during the present season to the five quarters of the Thames at large; but I grieve to say, the next best thing, viz., collection at all the clubs was unanimously decided upon, the proceeds being afterwards distributed by joint committee, among the preservation societies. It is understood that the collection next year will be of a wider

MADAME.

The crepon was in alternate stripes of crinkled material and coarse corded corded lines being in a slightly of shade than the crinkled stripe, which rich effect. The gown was a princess the front straight and smooth fitting and gored and slightly trained back. A black silk ruche went round the neck of the skirt. The bodice opened in front over a tight-fitting vest of corded material. The skirt was draped all over in narrow black silk corded stripes, and a wide band of black ribbon, terminating at the back in a bow with long ends. It is the fashion

MR. WHEELER.

The next stage was through Reading Theale, which latter—forty-three miles from the start—ought to have been reached in four hours. But on consulting my watch I discovered that I was fifteen minutes over time, and not only that, but the long fight with the obdurate wind had taken much of the steel out of me. The only chance was to

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AT THE DOCK GATES.

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THE VICAR AND HIS LAY READER.
The discreditable scenes which have

recently taken place at St. Andrew's Church, Bordesley, Birmingham, have culminated in police court proceedings, the vicar, the Rev. E. F. Burrow, charging Mr. Louis Simon, 48, of 151a, High-street, Bordesley, on a warrant for having stolen a gas stove and a quantity of silver. Mr. Simon occupies the position of a lay reader, and is connected with the church, and has taken a prominent part in the opposition to the vicar.—Dr. Burrow, in the witness-box, stated that the property he alleged to have been stolen was of the value of 10s. It consisted of a gas stove and a nice

For calico. The calico was given Mr. Simson for a specific purpose, but he converted it to his own use.—Mr. Carter (magistrates' clerk): That is not larceny. What about the stove?—Dr. Burrow: That is a similar case; he has pawned it.—Mr. Carter: That is illegal pawning. What was the calico for?—Dr. Burrow: For the purpose of making a surplice. I gave it to him, about eight yards, worth 4s. I asked him to return it, and he said he was hard up, and wanted it for the purpose of making a surplice.

only thing there are a number of others.—
Mr. Carter: If he had made what you
desired out of another piece of calico, that
would have answered your purpose?—Dr.
Burrow: Yes.—Mr. Carter: What is the
value of the stove?—Dr. Burrow: About
75. 64.—Mr. Carter: How long has it been

Dr. Burrow: About two months. I lent it him, as he said he wanted it for cooking purposes during the summer. When I asked him for it he said he had pawned it for a \$6., as he was very hard up.—Mr. Carter suggested that the complainant had better proceed by summons.—The defendant said he should like a remand, as he had a complete answer to the charges.—Dr. Burrow said the defendant had threatened him with personal violence, and he should like a summons for the threats.—The defendant, in reply to the bench, said he had no intention of injuring the vicar.—Miss Carter: You insist on the charge of larceny with respect to the calico; and as to the stove, you had better take out a summons for illegal pawning. According to your own statement, there is no evidence of larceny.—Dr. Burrow said the principle was the same.—Mr. Carter: That may be; we don't discuss principles here.—Dr. Burrow: I have a charge of embezzlement against him, and will call on the witness.—The defendant was discharged, and Dr. Burrow advised to take out summonses for the charges he wished to prefer.

THE BICKLEY OUTAGE.
Miss Hilda Wood and Miss Philbrick are steadily recovering. Though, as has been stated

friend, her face will bear permanent traces of the outrage. It appears that she must have received almost a full charge of shot in her left cheek, part of which was riddled. Not less than twenty of these shots have been extracted by a medical man. Her face will, consequently, be disfigured for the rest of her life.

NEW MUSEUM FOR HASTINGS.
The mayor of Hastings has just opened the museum for Hastings and St. Leonards. The museum has developed from the nucleus of an association constituted early in the year, and several valuable objects have already been sent either as gifts or as loans. Mr. Farmer Atkinson promised to give a donation of £100 per annum as long as the committee refrained from opening the museum on Sunday. He has also promised to lend from his collection of Bibles and topographical maps to the Hastings, Battle, and the neighbourhood. Special attention has been paid to the geology and natural history of the Hastings district.

and Mr. Charles Dawson have located and excavated the "important" finds, including fossils of the Wolder formations, bronze and iron weapons, axe, arrow tips, and spear heads found on the hills of Hastings. The corporation of the premier Cinque port have sent the original parchment containing the charter granted by Queen Elizabeth, confirming the ancient rights and privileges of the mayor and barons of Hastings, and giving them the control of the foreshore. In the case is the cloth of gold, known as the "corporation canopy," which was borne by the barons of Hastings at the coronation of George II. in October, 1727. The barons of Hastings claimed this position as their right, and it was always granted them. The canopy is a fine piece of work; it was supported by silver staves, and after the ceremony these staves

EMBEZZLEMENT BY A COLLECTOR.
John Hicks, of 102, Acacia-road, Waltham-
stow, appeared before Mr. Busby at Worship-
street Police Court, on a summons taken out
by William John Beer, superintendent of the
British Workmen Assurance Company, Limited,
for feloniously embezzling, at
several sums of 1s. 4d., 1s. 3d., and 3s. 6d. re-
ceived by him on account of the company.—
William Beer stated he was superintendent
of the London department of the British
Workmen Assurance Company, Limited, of
Birmingham. On December 17th, 1890, the
defendant was appointed collector at No. 10,
City-road, to be an application for which
he was given an application form, in which
he stated that he would devote the whole of
his time to the business and account for all money
that he received once a week. In the follow-
ing month he was appointed collector, and
then witness gave a district for him to collect
premiums from persons insured in the com-
pany. He stated that he had given the person
in his district to collect from, and he had
been paid 20 per cent. on all monies that he had

to be paid commission on the business that he conducted. The defendant's duty to account every Friday to witness for all moneys he received.—Mr. Morris wished to know the total amount the defendant would have to collect from the 217 persons.—The witness replied 41 lbs. 0yd. 3.—Mr. Morris asked if defendant was supposed to give his whole time for the 20 per cent. he would receive on that amount.—The witness replied that he was.—Mr. Morris said that then the defendant would receive about 1s. per day.—The witness said that the defendant collected the first week over 43, this being made up of moneys owed by the persons insured.—Mr. Morris took an objection to the summons on the grounds that the defendant was not paid any salary, but a commission; therefore he could not be held to be a servant of this company.—Bullock, the defendant, having taken the objection, said that he wished to devote the whole of his time, and he might be only paid on commission, made him a servant to the company.—William John Beer, assistant superintendent, stated that the defendant had to account to him weekly for all monies received. In May he found that there were irregularities in the defendant's book, in consequence of which he was discharged. Witness went round to the persons from whom defendant had received various sums.—Six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

for five millions more to feed the people. In this province the famine will be worse than last year. Many districts are already suffering, and demanding the distribution of help from this month onwards.

An Exchange Telegraph despatch from Pesh says that the younger Prince Radswill, of the 3rd Hussars, has been badly wounded in the head in a duel with Lieut. Oranescu.

"THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

An optical delusion—a glass eye.
No music is so soul-stirring as the waltz.
There were seven suicides last week in the metropolis.

Signor Carlo Rota, the well-known Italian patriot, has just died.
Fifty-nine persons died in London last week from "accident or negligence."

Almost unprovoked depression is now reported in the ship-building industry.
In the metropolis last week there were 2,755 births. The deaths numbered 1,421.

Algeria is suffering from a sirocco, with the thermometer at 105deg. in the shade.
Within the last six months 150 people were killed by cars on the streets of Chicago and 450 were maimed for life.

Harvest operations are progressing upon the royal domain of Windsor. Much of the grain has been reaped.
A poor Quebec blacksmith declares he has discovered the "long-lost art of hardening copper."

Princess Beatrice has obtained the first-aid certificate of the St. John's Ambulance Association.
The only opium permitted to be used by the British pharmacopoeia is obtained from Asia Minor.

By placing a penny in the slot in automatic machines at New York hats are now brushed by machinery.
New police buildings, now in the course of erection at South Shields, are to be lighted by electricity.

Princess Mary Adelaide has promised to be present at the Richmond Waterman's Regatta on Wednesday.
The self-denial week of the Salvation Army this year is to be observed from the 25th of September to the 1st of October.

The Rev. J. W. Lance, recently minister of Beekman Baptist church, has just died at Kimberley, South Africa.
The Right Hon. E. Stanhope, M.P., has been elected president of a new working men's Conservative and Unionist Club at Boston.

The banks of New South Wales increased their deposits in the financial year ended June 30th by £1,234,000.
The standard height for those desirous of joining the Royal Irish Constabulary has been raised from 5ft. 8in. to 5ft. 10in.

There were 840 deaths in the city of Washington during July, the largest number for any one month in the history of the city.
The foreign exports of Uruguay for the first six months of the present year aggregated 15,828,000 dollars, and the imports 9,116,720 dollars.

Under the regulations of the Science and Art Department, 1,170,340 pupils were taught drawing in 6,211 elementary schools last year.
At Arnold, near Nottingham, a lad named Hunt was with some other boys taming a horse, when the animal fatally kicked him on the head.

A very valuable altar frontal presented to the Roman Catholic church of St. Mary's, Chislehurst, by the late Baron Machan, has been stolen.
William Evans, 51, a tailor, lately residing at 21, Church-street, Islington, was on a visit at Hampton, when he fatally cut his throat while at tea.

Lagos has a trade of about £1,250,000, and collects a revenue of about £70,000 and £75,000 a year, with the lowest customs tariff known.
Mr. Poulton Bigelow's book, "The German Emperor and his Eastern Neighbours," just published, has been suppressed in Russia, by order of the Czar.

America, the land of big things, claims to have now the largest gun on earth, one that will carry a shot with fatal effect for over fifteen miles.
Eltham has been visited by a serious outbreak of pleuro-pneumonia. To prevent the disease spreading ninety-three cows have been slaughtered.

An excursionist, named George Pearce, aged 19, shoe finisher of Northampton, was drowned the other evening while bathing on the beach at Lowestoft.
The death has occurred of Mr. Alderman Soper, the ex-mayor of Brighton. He had been for thirteen years prominent in the municipal life of that town.

Elizabeth Woodcock, 25 years old, wandered in the garden of her parents' home at Blomfield Cottages, Kensal Town, fell into a water-butt, and was drowned.
"That's the colour that carried you to victory," shouted a man at Portsmouth Town Station, as he waved a red handkerchief in Mr. Gladstone's sight.

It appears it was Mr. G. W. E. Russell, and not Sir Charles Russell, who signed the letter to Mr. Gladstone concerning the private practice of the Attorney-general.
Little Mary Lizzie Bell, a Portsmouth infant of 13 months, was about to undergo an operation, when death ensued while chloroform was being administered.

Mr. George Hurchall, aged 75 years, a master plumber, of 145, Clarendon-road, Notting Hill, fell down dead, apparently from heart disease, at Fenchurch-street Station.
While Indian tea decreased in public use by about 3,000,000 lb. in 1891, the consumption of Ceylon tea has increased by no less than 16,700,000 lb., or over 40 per cent.

In England and Wales 8,970 miles of railway out of 9,944 miles of double lines worked on the block system. In Scotland practically the whole of the mileage is worked on that system.
Alfred George Martin, a boy whose parents live at 4, Clutton-street, Bromley, was showing a companion "how to dive," by leaping from a sofa in his room, when he dislocated his neck and died.

The commissioners of Customs state that tobacco, which alone yields fully half the customs duties, shows a great increase, the total amount derived being last year the highest on record—£10,135,666.
Lieut.-col. McClintock, of the Royal Small Arms Factory at Sparkbrook, Birmingham, has been appointed superintendent of the Government gunpowder works at Waltham Abbey.

It is pointed out in an address issued by a number of trade union officials to the members of their various organisations that closer alliance on their part with the co-operative movement would greatly facilitate the improvement of the condition of the labouring classes.

The Marquis of Salisbury, in an unselfish spirit, accepts no distinction from the Crown except one, which no doubt will afford him considerable satisfaction—the privilege of wearing the Windsor uniform. It is a privilege which has during the present reign been accorded only to Lord Melbourne, Lord Palmerston, and Earl Grey.

We regret to announce the death of ex-Chief Justice of Ireland the Right Hon. G. A. Chichester May. He was called to the bar in 1844, and after having gained distinction at the Chancery bar, became, under Lord Beaconsfield's administration in 1874, law adviser to the Crown. Shortly afterwards he was made Solicitor-general for Ireland, and then Attorney-general, and in 1877 succeeded the late Chief Justice Whitehead on the bench.

He retired in 1887 in consequence of increasing deafness.
The Irish Distressed Ladies' Fund has received an anonymous donation of £200.
John M. Corns has been mayor of Ironton, Ohio, for twenty-two successive years.

It is quite possible to get a plump refusal from a slender girl.
A man might be carried away by a cyclone and yet not approve of it.
People who are particularly fond of something that will answer should try an echo.

The man who stole the judge's coat appeared shortly afterwards in a law suit.
The boy who sits down on a tart at a Sunday school treat is his own worst enemy.
The smallest show on earth is said to be a New York girl in a fashionable bathing suit.

Life is not all a desert waste, said the old maid as the coat-sleeve encircled her girdle.
Mr. Thomas Milvain, Q.C., has been appointed recorder of Bradford, in succession to Mr. Justice Bruce.
Viscount Cranbrook is to be created Earl of Cranbrook, and his eldest son will take the title of Viscount Medway.

The mortality last week in the thirty-three great towns of England and Wales was equal to an annual death rate of 18'9 per 1,000.
Four thousand cabdrivers were out on strike in Paris on Tuesday. The men are peaceable.
Lord Houghton, the new Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, was a lord-in-waiting to her Majesty in 1886.

Four new J.P.'s for Dover—Mr. W. J. Smith, Mr. H. W. Thorpe, Mr. W. J. Barnes, and Mr. W. L. Selfe.
Within the last twelve months over 300 convictions for illicit trading in liquor were obtained by the Cardiff police.
Mr. Arthur Venables Kyrie has been presented with a silver cradle to commemorate the birth of a daughter in the course of his mayoralty of Cardiff.

Some enthusiasts at Melbourne are now advocating a maximum labour day of eight hours for all municipal employees, and a minimum rate of pay of 1s. per hour.
The New Zealand Government have introduced a bill for the relief of persons holding companies' debentures, which are at present subject to double taxation.
A night or two ago, moonlighters, at Coolgreany, committed a brutal outrage by cutting off the tail of a cow because its mistress bought hay from a boycotted farmer.

The Queen has commissioned by Mr. F. J. Williamson to execute a marble bust of the late Duke of Clarence, and a replica of it will shortly be unveiled at the New Law Courts, York.
In Russia black is never used for covering coffins, the cloth being of a pink shade when the deceased is a child or young person, a crimson colour for women, and brown for widows.

Candidates under 22 years of age at the forthcoming Militia competitive examination, to be held next month, will be allowed to compete for five direct commissions in the Indian Staff Corps.
The French Minister of Public Works has issued an order to the railway companies, directing them to appoint special officials charged with the supervision of railway trucks conveying dynamite.

Cincinnati is the possessor of a Presbyterian hospital, a medical college for women and free dispensary combined, founded by a Mrs. Louise J. Lyle, and managed and controlled exclusively by women.
An attempt was recently made to blow up the house of Charles D. Irwin, a Chicago Board of Trade officer. A woman left a can of gas powder on the premises, but was frightened to ignite it.

Taking twenty-one of the principal English and Welsh railways the gross receipts for the past half-year show a decrease of £185,000, entirely due to the loss of £497,000 on the North-Eastern by the Durham coal strike.
Mr. F. W. Isaacson, M.P., denies the statement that he was one of the members whose absence delayed the "no confidence" vote. As a fact, he was in the House for eleven hours patiently waiting for the division.

The Rev. H. T. Valentine, vicar of Little Walden, near Welwyn, Herts, has intimated his intention of abolishing all fees for marriages and burials, at the same time stating that "no voluntary offerings will be received."
While a horse was being harnessed to a vehicle belonging to Mr. W. H. Mackenzie of Colchester, it suddenly bolted, knocked over a perambulator, killed a child named Ethel Gallifant, and severely injured her sister.

The aborigines of the Andaman Islands are reported to be fast disappearing. All of them on two of the islands are dead, and only a few remain on the third. Only a small number of children are born, and they die in infancy.
Sunderland is noted for its female drunks. A woman named Harkness, aged 46, made her 116th appearance before the magistrates on Tuesday. Another woman, 30 years of age, was also sentenced. She had been in the dock 78 times.

The full penalty of £25 and costs was imposed at the Marlborough-street Police Court upon Messrs. Cannon and Co., druggists and cleaners, of Davies-street, Berkeley-square, for having contravened the Petroleum Act by storing the oil in open vessels.
A very large number of salmon have lately been caught in the tidal waters of the Somersetshire Avon, below Bristol. These fish are supposed to have been driven into the Avon by the shoals of porpoises which have been frequent in the Severn estuary during the last month.

Arrangements have been made in connection with the Baptist Church, Moss Side, Manchester, whereby, during the Sunday evening service, mothers who would be otherwise unable to attend the service can leave their little ones in the care of several of the teachers of the Sunday school.
A demonstration took place outside Wilton Hall on Monday in connection with the release of "Capt. J. Gardner" of the Salvation Army, who had suffered fourteen days' imprisonment, in default of paying a fine of 20s. and costs, for causing an obstruction at Waterloo.

A well-known and fashionable teacher of skirt dancing says that an "average woman" can learn to do a dance in twenty lessons. She does not say that she will be able to dance at the end of that time, but simply to execute one single skirt dance with a necessary amount of grace and ease.
Mr. Frankland states that in July the Thames at Hampton was in good condition, and the water abstracted from the river by the Cuckley, West Middlesex, Southwark, Grand Junction, and Lambeth Companies was again, for river water, of a high degree of organic purity.

Mr. Spagnoletti, the inventor of many of the electrical appliances for working the block system on railways, has just resigned the appointment, which he has held for over thirty-five years, as chief electrician and telegraph engineer of the Great Western Railway Company. The directors have, however, retained his services for consultative purposes.

Mr. Spagnoletti has long been known as the "Father of Railway Telegraphy."
"The smith is always pounding, but he never strikes."
The rights of the striker consist chiefly of his wrongs.
"The worst case of misfortune is to be cut off in a will."

We understand that rabbit-hunters are partial to hair-triggers.
The man who never attempts to sing at any other time will burst forth in a beautiful voice.
It is at the approach of dinner that we feel most sensibly the "emptiness of things below."

When the pork-butcher's shop is in flames we naturally remember that his fat is in the fire.
A sporting gentleman writes to ask whether when a lark sings on the turf it lay in the odds.
The tenants of Holloway Gaol don't sport very much, but they lead a very fast life for all that.

Which causes a woman the more pleasure—to hear herself praised or another woman run down?
This is the season of side gate flirtations, but it is well to remember that too many cooks spoil the policeman.
When a man "feels his cats," it is not always evidence of his being a stable character.

It is strange how crowded the thoroughfare looks to the fellow who is chasing his straw hat down the street.
Heaven filled with song, they say; but the lucky who tries to sing tenor on the street will not be there.
A Bermondsey man swallowed his false teeth the other night. He woke up because he felt them gnawing at his vitals.

"Trust men and they will trust you," said Emerson; but any ordinary grocer could have given him points on that.
When a small boy yells "cheese it," you may take it for granted that something has a curd and he wants to get a whey.
The perfumes wafted from the Thames wharves at low tide these hot nights are not exactly heavenly, but they smell to heaven.

A number of autograph manuscript letters written by Luther and Melancthon have been found in the library of a small town in the Prussian province of Saxony.
The Social Theatre at Biella, North Italy, was completely destroyed by fire on Wednesday morning. The loss is estimated at 300,000 lire.
The Anglo-Australian Society of Artists' last exhibition in Melbourne was visited by 30,000 people, and eighty pictures were sold for £37,500, an average of 45s. each.

A rich landed proprietor living in the suburbs of Palermo, Mr. Isidoro Sammirgli, has been captured by brigands. Troops have been sent in pursuit of the captors.
There are people who seem to think they have the right of the angel for piety every time they buy a glass of ginger beer at a church bazaar.
When the young divinity student delivers his first discourse he speaks of life not as a passage from the "cradle to the grave," but from the "basinette to the sepulchre."

The Local Government Board states that the total amount of poor rates raised during the last year for all purposes, including the sums contributed by Government in lieu of poor rates, was £15,353,794.
Auzill Castle, in the Stadmere Fells, about five miles from Kirkby Stephen, was sold on Monday, with over eight acres of land, for £360.
The castle cost about £3,000 in the early part of the last century.

From some quarters in Kent it is reported that the hop plants have "taken a chill," owing to inclement weather. Serious apprehensions have been raised amongst the growers as to the success of the hop harvest.
In France last year there were killed 404 wolves, of which 134 were full-grown animals and 233 cubs. The amount paid for their destruction was £1,313, at the rate of 4s. for a full-grown animal and 12s. for a cub.
"It is very difficult," says Professor Loefler, "to get the common or house mouse to take consumption or any form of tuberculosis, by inoculating it with bacilli of tubercular disease. The field mouse, on the contrary, is very susceptible to it."

A proposal is to be placed before the corporation of Kingston-on-Thames and the Suburban Improvement Commissioners for supplying their district with the electric light generated by means of water power as one of the weir upon the river.
Some folks wonder why a bad egg is so malodorous. But they shouldn't. What do they expect of a combination of putrid albumen, decayed cheese, sulphuric acid, ammonia, and ultra-rancid margarine set free? Honeyuckles!

"General" Booth will sit, it is said, to a well-known sculptor, and the plaster casts of his glorious head and shoulders will be put up the various Army headquarters. We always knew the time would come when the Head of the Army would go on a bust.
John N. Hutchinson, of Richmond, Indiana, has met with twenty-five accidents in the last ten years. Both his arms have been broken, several ribs fractured, his head partly crushed, and one of his legs broken. The man is still alive.

Great numbers of bears have made their appearance in the forests in the neighbourhood of St. Petersburg and on the frontiers of the government of Novgorod. The peasants state that this is an indication of a severe winter.
A Rome correspondent says that Succi has reached the ninth day of his fast, and is in as satisfactory a condition as possible. He purposes making an excursion on foot to Vesuvius, being of course accompanied the whole of the time.

Mr. William Black has taken Mr. Andrew Carnegie for the model of the hero of a story he is now writing. Mr. Black was one of the party on Mr. Carnegie's coach on the journey to the Highlands when Miss Mary Anderson was one of his fellow-passengers.
In one of the towns of Illinois a banker put his private mark on the money he paid out one Saturday night to the wage-workers of the town who patronised his bank. Of the 700 lbs. thus paid out, over 500 lbs. came back to him on the Monday from drinking saloons in the district.

An incident perhaps almost unparalleled in the history of Vienna, that Count Edward Taaffe, tenth Viscount of Torm and Baronet of Ballinacorney, has just completed the thirtieth year of his continuous tenure of office as Austrian Premier. Count Taaffe was nominated Minister of the Interior in 1867, and in April, 1869, became Prime Minister for the first time.
Mr. George P. Noble, superintendent of the London and North-Western Railway, has received a message of condolence from the Queen, in recognition of the care and attention he has given to her comfort and safety when travelling on the London and North-Western Railway for the last thirty-one years.

George Thomas Barker, eldest son of Mr. George Barker, farmer, of Burn, near Selby, has been killed by the accidental discharge of a gun. The deceased, who was 24 years of age, was trying the gun in a plough box, and it is supposed that he was about to take

the gun to shoot some stock doves when the trigger entered his left breast.
The faster a man runs into debt the slower he goes ahead.
Persons who take measures to enlarge their business—tailors.

A dwarf living at Shiraz, Oakes, is 35 years old and but seventeen inches high.
The Czar has promulgated a decree that all children of the Polish working classes shall receive their education in Russia.
Thomas Scott, aged 74, an engineer, of 74, Blackheath-road, Greenwich, fell from a local tramcar and received fatal injuries.

The deaths from diseases of the respiratory organs, which had fallen from 185 to 143 in the preceding six weeks, rose to 174 last week.
Dr. Hill, medical officer of health for Birmingham, reports that the water supplied to that city last month was "slightly turbid and greenish."

Portland has the largest derrick ever erected in Maine. The mast is 82ft. in length and 22in. in diameter; the boom is 66ft. long and 15in. in diameter.
A young man named Morton, an employe at St. John's College, Cambridge, was drowned on Tuesday night in the River Cam through the upsetting of a canoe.

It is reported that, at the instigation of the Northern France Railway, the club service between Paris and London will probably be continued.
The registrar-general informs us that the deaths in London from scarlet fever, which had been 20, 24, and 33 in the preceding three weeks, fell again last week to 21, and were slightly below the corrected average.

It will be a source of regret to Madame Nordica's many friends to learn that illness has compelled her to abandon her intention of singing at the Haymarket Theatre this summer.
Princess Beatrice has sent an oil painting to the sale of the Fine Art Society's annual exhibition at Ryde. The subject of her royal highness's contribution is a view of the Mediterranean from Costabella, Hyeres.

During the half year, ending June 30th, the steamers of the White Star line engaged in the Atlantic trade have carried 15,129 head with a loss of 18, which is equivalent to a percentage of 12.
For some weeks past the authorities at St. Petersburg, in communication with the "English" department in London, have been silent as to the death rate; but it is now returned at 24'1 per 1,000 to the end of last month.

In 1840 almost the whole detective work of the City of London was done by two men. Now a large staff is employed, under Mr. Superintendent McWilliams, in the detection of commercial frauds and special forms of financial swindling.
The military duty at the Tower of London, which has for some time past been performed by the Leicestershire Regiment, will next week be taken over by the 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards from Aldershot. The Leicesters move to Warley, Essex.

In the votes polled at Parliamentary elections in the United Kingdom from April, 1891, to June of the present year, there were 1,996 English and Welsh illiterates. In 1885 there were 2,411 illiterates out of 13,345 voters; and in Ireland, 2,132 illiterates out of 22,242 voters.
The Chinese have an elaborate system for the interpretation of dreams. To be whipped by a god or devil they regard as extremely unlucky, while to enter a temple and see the gods moving about is considered lucky. To dream of fighting with wandering ghosts means that one will live to an old age.

The death is announced of Daniel Lyons, an Army pensioner, at the age of 103 years. Deceased, who lived near Castlefield, took part in several engagements in the Peninsular campaign, in which he was wounded in the left hand. He had enjoyed his pension for seventy-eight years.

The Bristol Dock Board on Tuesday visited the Avonmouth Dock, and discussed the question of providing pier accommodation to meet the increasing demands of the traffic of the Bristol Channel. It was decided to report on the cost of providing the accommodation required.

Fines ranging from £2 to £50 were imposed at the Cardiff Police Court in eight cases of illicit trading in liquor. Within twelve months over 300 such convictions have been obtained by the police, whose superannuation fund is in consequence increasing rapidly. The Sunday Closing Act is in force in Cardiff.

The orders of the Local Government Board, respecting the importation of rats into England, Wales, and Scotland, in consequence of the prevalence of cholera abroad, have been extended to Ireland, and amongst the list of countries from which such import is now prohibited is included the whole of France.

The British consul at Jeddah tells us that during the past year 46,953 pilgrims, bound for Mecca, landed at that port. Of these 10,832 were British Indians, 10,817 were Japanese, 6,285 Egyptians, 3,554 Moors and Algerians, 3,285 Turks and Syrians, 2,068 Arabs, 1,887 from Yemen, 1,717 Persians, and 1,613 Bohemians.

The Hon. Mrs. Clayton, wife of the rector of Ludlow, and aunt of Lord Windsor, has been seriously injured in a carriage accident. She was driving in Oakley Park, the seat of Lord Windsor, when the horse bolted, and Mrs. Clayton was thrown out and dragged a considerable distance. She was found to have sustained a severe cut at the back of the head and to be suffering from concussion of the brain.

On the recommendation of Mr. Balfour, the sum of £50 has been paid out of the Royal Bounty to Mr. W. H. Escriott, the working-man poet of Guildford, the author of a tuneless volume entitled "The Lyrics for the Cuckoo." The gift came as a welcome surprise, as Mr. Escriott has been prevented by failing health from following his ordinary avocation of a gunsmith.

A police detective went to the London Hotel, at Hull, to arrest a man, named Bruno Behrandt, who was wanted at Southampton for fraud. Behrandt obtained permission to go to a closet, the office remaining outside the partitioned door. Behrandt suddenly bolted the door, and when it was burst open he was found lying on the floor with blood flowing from the nose. Before medical aid could be procured he was dead, evidently from some powerful poison.

Signor Carlo Rota, the well-known Italian patriot, has died at San Pier d'Arena, near Genoa. Signor Rota took a prominent part in the unsuccessful expedition against Sardinia, which was organised in 1857 by Baron Nicotera and Count Pisacane in the hope of overthrowing the Bourbon Government established at Naples. Baron Nicotera, the Minister of the Interior in the last Government, was present at the patriot's bedside.

Probably we have passed through the hottest day of the year in the south of Europe, and Western Europe. At 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday the thermometer in the shade stood at 92deg. at Biarritz, 84deg. in Paris, and 77deg. in London, and here in the capital there were registered ten hours of bright sunshine. What this means is shown by the Greenwich record for Monday, when in the sun's rays the mercury rose to 14deg. In the south of England generally brilliant

sunshine on Wednesday probably meant 150deg.
Cancer killed eighty-six persons in London last week.
One person succumbed to an attack of cholera in London, last week.

Her Majesty's cruiser Tartar has arrived at Halifax, Nova Scotia.
The French Order of the Legion of Honour has now a roll of 45,000 members.
Sir Evelyn Wood will shortly go to Germany to witness the army manoeuvres.

There are times when a pugilist seems a very close-fisted person.
There was no death from small-pox in the whole of the metropolis last week.
Amongst the record of deaths in the metropolis last week were forty-eight persons over 80 years of age.

It is said that lawn tennis is shortly to be introduced into the Prussian schools for military cadets.
The Bishop of Bedford, who has been seriously ill, is much improved, and has left Devonshire for the bracing coast of Cornwall.
Charlotte Cowland, aged 77 years, of 10, The Avenue, Acre-lane, Brixton, was burnt to death by the upsetting of a spirit lamp.

Edwin Tidcombe, a farm labourer, 72, of Littlemore, near Oxford, threw himself under a train and was killed on the spot.
At Sheffield, a man named Clements was committed for trial for having broken into a house and stolen jewellery, linen, and goods worth over £100. He was captured when trying to break into another house.

Lord Jersey, governor of New South Wales, has sent a cheque for £35 to the Sydney Young Men's Christian Association, towards a fund to pay for Sunday morning breakfasts for the unemployed during the winter.
Sends, while basking, place one of their number on guard to give the alarm in case of danger. The signal is a quick clap of the fingers on a rock. Wild rabbits signal with their forepaws, and have regular signals and calls.

Widow Arbuckle, a poor woman at Netherton, has just passed away at the age of 93. She was a native of Renfrew, and had resided at Netherton for half a century. She was one of the poor of the parish for upwards of thirty years.

The census records that the total number of persons in Ireland medically declared lunatics and idiots in the ten years was 21,189. The number of blind persons was returned as 3,341; deaf and dumb, 3,365; dumb and not deaf, 1,099.

A general lock-out of the tailors is now imminent, owing to the rupture of negotiations between the representatives of the Master Tailors' Association and the Amalgamated Society of Tailors on the questions of over-working and day-wage men.

It is announced in the Gazette that the Queen has been pleased to appoint Sir Charles Bradley Pritchard, of the Bombay Civil Service, to be an ordinary member of the Council of the Governor-general of India, on the resignation of Sir Charles H. T. Crosthwaite.

Miss Annette Benson, a former student of the London School of Medicine for Women, and lately an assistant at the Paddington Infirmary, has received the appointment of resident medical officer to the Victoria Hospital for Children, Hull.

Several Alpine accidents occurred in the Tyrol on Sunday last. In the Stubai Valley district three natives of Saxony, who were ascending one of the mountains there, fell down a precipice, and one of them was killed. At Primiero, a peasant met with his death in a similar manner.

Inhabitants of the city who had ventured up one of the neighbouring peaks missed their footing and were seriously injured.
A successful fraud has been perpetrated at the Commercial Discount Bank at Hamburg. It appears that a man presented a cheque for 30,000 marks, which, bearing the endorsement of the chief accountant, was paid. Subsequently it was discovered that the cheque had been paid in 1870, but had evidently been stolen from the bank and again presented after having been re-issued. Up to the present no clue has been obtained as to the perpetrator of the fraud.

During the absence of the Queen and court extensive renovations are being carried out at Windsor Castle. The interior of the grand reception-room in the Cornwell Tower, which is adorned with the Golden Fleece, is being repaired, and new heating apparatus is being arranged for the warming of the royal apartments on the south side of the palace. The roof of the library on the North Terrace is being repaired.

Speaking at a luncheon given to delegates to the Welsh Baptist Union at Carnarvon, Mr. Alfred Thomas, M.P., said he for one would not vote for Home Rule unless the Liberal party would at the same time give disestablishment and disendowment to Wales. Resolutions were passed at the conference that disestablishment and disendowment of the Church in Wales should be dealt with next to, if not concurrently with, Home Rule.

The second international congress of Old Catholics will meet at Lucerne on the 15th September. Invitations have been extended to the clerical hierarchy in all parts of the world, and the congress will move a protest against the "new dogmas of the Vatican," and especially against the Papal infallibility. The Archbishop of York has telegraphed his sympathy with the objects of the Congress, which will be attended by many leading Churchmen on the continent.

Mr. Henry James Rainey, upholsterer, was summoned to the Highbury Police Court for not having had two of his children vaccinated. He informed the magistrates that they were healthy, and that he declined to introduce into their system matter that might be poisonous. The bench ordered him to have the elder child vaccinated within a month, and imposed a fine of 20s., with costs, in the case of the younger.

The Queen has bestowed a Companionship of the Bath of the Civil Division on Charles Edward Beth-Smith, late lieutenant commanding the London Brigade of the Royal Naval Artillery Volunteers. Her Majesty has also given directions for the following appointment to the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George—Col. Francis Cunningham Scott, C.B., inspector-general of the Gold Coast Constabulary, for services rendered while in command of the expeditionary force against the Jebus, to be a Knight commander of the Order.

The marriage took place in London on Wednesday of Prince Frederick Charles of Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen, of the German Cuirassiers of the Guard, second son of the Prince of Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen, with the Countess Maria Hatfield-Wildenburg, second daughter of his Excellency Count Hatfield-Wildenburg, German ambassador to the court of St. James. The bride was attired in rich white satin bordered all round with a narrow band of orange blossoms, the bodice being trimmed with some fine old point à l'ainille; she also wore a small wreath of orange blossoms becomingly arranged in the hair and a tulle veil, and carried a large bouquet of white eucalypti. Her train was held by Master Moreton-Freeman. There were no bridesmaids. The wedding party proceeded to the German embassy, Carlton House Terrace, where luncheon was served in the dining-room.

Later in the afternoon the newly-married couple took their departure for Germany.
M. Dersel, burgomaster of Antwerp, died there the other night from apoplexy.
The Indian Telegraph Department recently laid three more cables across the Irrawaddy. There are now eight cables crossing it.

Salvation Army's expressive description of a week's work at Leeds—"Indescribable times; united consecration; six souls. Victory!"
The remains of Mr. W. Murgatroyd, for twenty-nine years chief usher at Bow-street Police Court, were interred on Wednesday at Wimbledon Cemetery.

During Sir James Forsyth's term of office as Postmaster-general, careless people posted paper money, amounting to no less than £15,700, in unaddressed envelopes.
Mr. H. T. Raw, a Thornton Heath gentleman, has been publicly presented with a testimonial by the metropolitan police there for assisting a constable who was attacked by roughs.

There is a curious snake (Hydrax yeti) in South Africa that lives wholly upon birds' eggs. It has no teeth or signs of teeth in the mouth, the whole dental array being located in the stomach.
Woman asserts that one of the many "lady litigants" at the Law Courts was formerly a waitress at a late coffee-house, where she devoted her nights to serving cups of coffee and her days to serving writs.

A special compliment had been paid to the well-known conductor and singing teacher, Mr. Henschel, who has been invited to direct a concert at the Vienna Exhibition next month.
The twelve Heligoland fishermen whom the German Emperor invited to Berlin, to see the great peace treaty, left on Wednesday night, and were lodged in an hotel at his Majesty's expense.

M. Florian, who claims to have been the director of like exhibitions at Vienna, Buda Pesth, and Spa, states that he is engaged in organising a "Beauty Show," to be held in the town of Boulogne on the 4th of next month.
The ninth annual excursion of the South London Association for Assisting the Blind took place on Thursday. About 300 members, all of whom were totally blind, left Fenchurch-street Station by the 9.25 a.m. train for Southend, where the day was spent.

A shocking robbery and murder took place on Wednesday morning in the north of Berlin. The victim was an old woman, who received eight wounds in the head. She died two hours after the attack. The murderer, whose body was extremely small, has not yet been captured.

A return issued from the Home Office shows that there are 573 clubs situated within the licensing division of the metropolis in the police district where intoxicating liquors are consumed. There are 414 of these clubs in the county of London; in Essex, 23; Surrey, 53; Kent, 14; Middlesex, 69; and Herts, 2.

A meeting of men engaged in the parks and open spaces in the metropolis under the management of the County Council was held on Wednesday night at Clerkenwell, when it was announced that the employees had started a union, which numbered over 40

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